



UPDATED MEDIA RELEASE

Public's Help Needed to ID Dog Owner Dog Bit 5-Year Old Victim on Her Face

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Thanks again to our Nixle audience, the community, and partners in the media, this woman has been identified. The Santa Barbara Police Department's Animal Control Unit is now continuing with a criminal investigation into the matter.

California Penal Code Section 398(a) states:

"If a person owning or having custody or control of an animal knows, or has reason to know, that the animal bit another person, he or she shall, as soon as is practicable, but no later than 48 hours thereafter, provide the other person with his or her name, address, telephone number, and the name and license tag number of the animal who bit the other person. If the person with custody or control of the animal at the time the bite occurs is a minor, he or she shall instead provide identification or contact information of an adult owner or responsible party. If the animal is required by law to be vaccinated against rabies, the person owning or having custody or control of the animal shall, within 48 hours of the bite, provide the other person with information regarding the status of the animal's vaccinations. Violation of this section is an infraction punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars (\$100)."

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The woman in the below photos is believed to be the owner of a dog that bit a five-year old girl on the face at approximately 8:00 p.m. on July 5, 2012 at 909 State Street. The dog is believed to be a red chow mix. The Santa Barbara Police Department's Animal Control Unit is seeking the public's assistance in identifying this woman. If you recognize this woman please contact SBPD Animal Control Officer II Anthony Nunez at (805) 963-1513 / anunez@sbpd.com or call anonymously to (805) 897-2386.



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